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Provider Packets

Some of our VFC providers did not receive their packets (mentioned in last weeks *Vaccine E-Letter*) in a timely fashion. If you did not receive your packet in time to submit (by fax) it to us by May 4th as requested, please submit it to us as soon as you can. If you did not receive a packet, please contact the VFC Program at 1-800-701-0704 or Immunize@isdh.in.gov.

Vaccine Returns

After May 14th, all vaccine to be returned (because it has been spoiled or outdated) will be returned to McKesson, the new warehouse/distributor vendor who will be shipping vaccine to VFC providers. After May 14th, you will be asked to return the VFC vaccine containers. These containers will contain instructions and mailing labels to return the containers and/or vaccine to be returned. **VFC vaccines cannot be returned to GIV after May 14th.**

Immunization Program Website

Over the next several months, the Indiana State Department of Health website will be undergoing changes, including the Immunization Department's site. The new look will give ISDH's website a more cohesive look and be developed with easy user access in mind. As always, please call the Immunization Department if you find out dated material or bad links on the website.

Interim VIS For Varicella Vaccine Now Available In Chinese

<u>Dated 1/10/07</u>, the interim VIS for varicella vaccine is now available on the Immunization Action Coalition website in Chinese.

To obtain a ready-to-print (PDF) version of the interim VIS for varicella vaccine in Chinese, go to:
http://www.immunize.org/vis/ch varicella.pdf

To obtain it in English, go to: http://www.immunize.org/vis/varic07.pdf

SAVE THE DATE!

In commemoration of World AIDS Vaccine Day and Hepatitis B Awareness Week

The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) announces its cosponsorship and participation in

Combating HIV and Hepatitis B

<u>Library of Congress</u>

<u>Thursday, May 10, 2007, 9 am - 5pm, Room 119</u>

Webcast live at www.loc.gov*

Come listen to distinguished health and medical experts reflect on the state of the AIDS vaccine field, including progress and challenges, and outline innovative ways to accelerate research & development.

Featured AIDS vaccine speakers include:

- Raymond Dwek, Oxford University professor and Chair of Technology and Society at the Kluge Center
- Seth Berkley, President and CEO of IAVI
- Dennis Burton, Scripps Research Institute
- Gary J. Nabel, National Institutes of Health
- Bruce Walker, Harvard Medical School

The symposium is sponsored by The Kluge Center in partnership with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Hepatitis B Foundation (HBF), with support from the Dana Foundation.

Additional information about this symposium is available here:

Symposium on HIV and Hepatitis Vaccines To Be Held on May 10

Or contact: Rachel Steinhardt, Director of North America
Communications at
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<u>Updated School Immunization Quick Reference</u>

Attached to this week's *Vaccine E-Letter* is an updated "School Immunization Requirements & Recommendations - Quick Reference" and the School FAQ 2007-2008. Please review these documents. They should provide clarity to those who were confused by the chart in last week's *Vaccine E-Letter*.